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Dr. Susan  
Wilson Fletcher

Dr. Susan Wilson Fletcher, a professor in the nursing department, recently received the honor of being named among the "Top 100" nurses in North Carolina by the Great 100 Inc., a grassroots peer recognition organization that honors the nursing profession in North Carolina. Along with this award, Fletcher has also received the School of Nursing's Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award, the UNC Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching, and the Who's Who Among America's Teachers Award.

Fletcher says she has overcome many obstacles.

From living a tough life in rural Elba, Ala., with seven siblings, to becoming a successful teacher, Fletcher has exceeded goals she had set for herself.

**Q:** How was life for you growing up?

**A:** Life growing up for me was hard at times. My family lived in a rural area. My mother and father worked hard to support seven children (six girls, one boy). Things like running water and electricity were not available to my family and I until the 10th grade. Before we had electricity, we would use kerosene lamps for light when daylight passed.

**Q:** Did your parents encourage you to get an education to lead a better life than they had?

**A:** My parents enforced education, so my siblings and I knew we had to have our homework done and do our best in school. They expected that we bring home A's and B's, never C's. They encouraged us to get an education all the time. They wanted us to have a future better than the one they had.

**Q:** Did your family support your decision to go to college?

**A:** Yes, they did. They worked hard to make sure that my siblings and I did our work and as a result all of my siblings and I went to college.

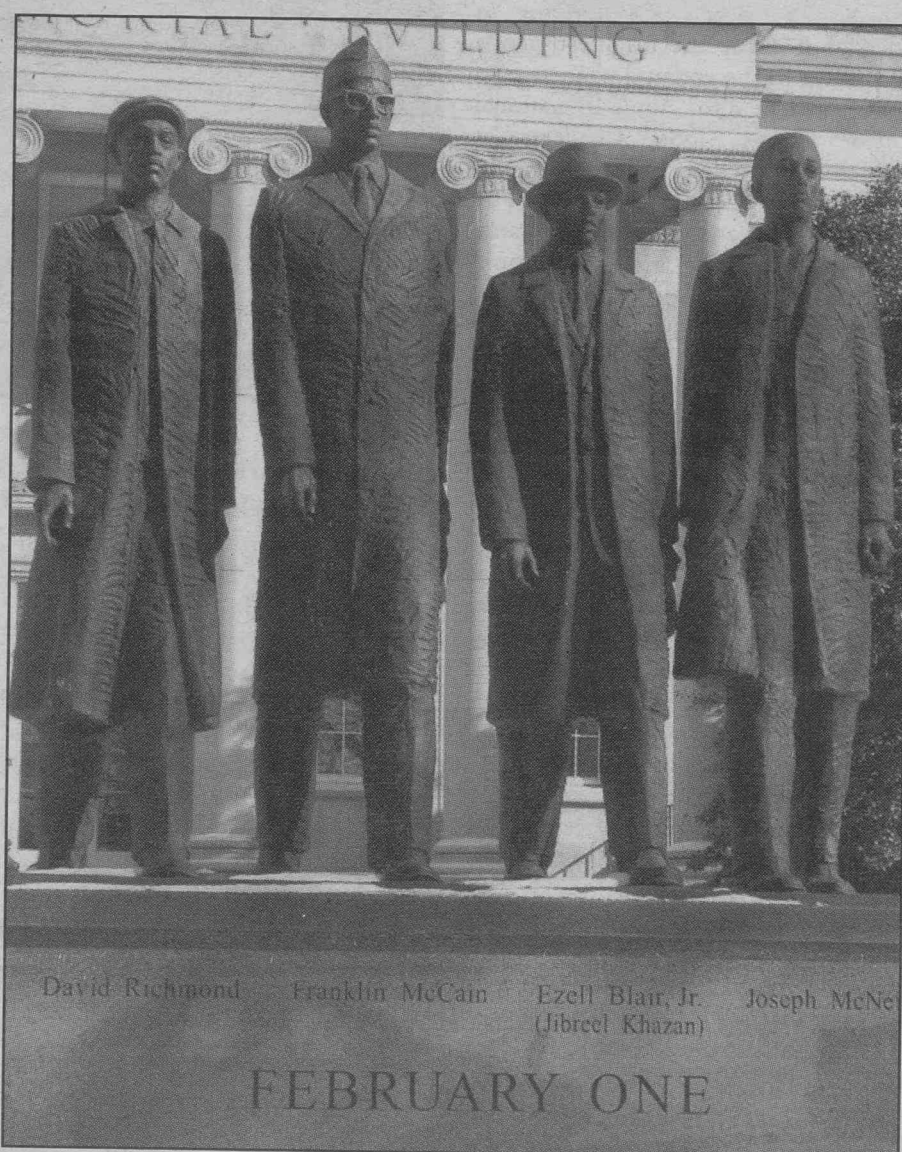
**Q:** The simple things that come to most people in life were hard for you and your family to come by. How were you able to pay for college?

**A:** Some money was saved for my college fund, but the rest of the money to pay for college came from my part-time job. My job was to pick cotton and that was very tough for me. I would come straight from school to and picking cotton.

**Q:** Did any outstanding or tragic events occur in your life?

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## Defining legacies



Sharonda Eggleton/Photo editor

Feb. 1, 2003 will mark the 43rd anniversary of the launch of the Sit-In Movement by four A&T freshmen in 1960.

## A&T Four honored 43 years after sit-ins

BY TARAH HOLLAND  
News/Opinion Editor

Nearly 43 years have passed since four N.C. A&T freshmen began a nationwide movement, refusing to leave a whites-only lunch counter at the F.W. Woolworth's store on South Elm Street.

By failing to leave that lunch counter that cold afternoon of Feb. 1, 1960, the men sitting strong and confident took Greensboro and the country by storm.

Last year on Feb. 1, a bronze monument depicting the four A&T freshmen walking out of the Woolworth's lunch counter was unveiled in front of the Dudley Building on campus.

Since then, A&T and Greensboro have made it a commitment to honor the memory of the A&T Four with

an annual event.

This year the A&T will celebrate the anniversary of the A&T Four with the annual Sit-In Breakfast Jan. 31 at 7 a.m. in Williams Cafeteria, in which the three living members of the A&T Four will speak on the theme, "The Significance of February 1, 1960."

Also at the breakfast, Chancellor James Renick will present the Human Rights Medal, and North Carolina artist William Mangum will unveil his artwork, "A portrait of NC A&T State University."

Following the day's events, there will be a roundtable discussion/reception at 3 p.m.

The Sit-In Movement, Inc. will also be sponsoring several events on Feb.

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## N.C. A&T raises student fees

BY JESSICA DEVAULT  
Register Contributor

A forum was held Jan. 9 to inform students on the fee increase, recently approved by the Board of Trustees.

After a committee of vice chancellors, directors and student leaders gathered to discuss student fees, a forum was sponsored to explain about the increase. Changes include student activities, \$41; educational and technology, \$25; athletics, \$13.

Another share of the required fee will go to the Student Government Association, says Myles Robinson, an SGA senator who assisted in coordinating the program. He feels there was a strong need for the increase.

"Fifty-three percent of the SGA budget was allocated toward Homecoming," Robinson said. Fees will pay for leadership conferences, lectures and other student programming, which is desperately needed since N.C. A&T is the second lowest ranking school

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## Bookstore extends to World Wide Web

TIFFANY S. JONES  
Register Contributor

The A&T bookstore has made its latest contribution to the World Wide Web through its new website [www.ncatbookstore.com](http://www.ncatbookstore.com).

In collaboration with the Nebraska Book Company and the CampusHub, A&T has launched a new e-commerce website offering everything from A&T paraphernalia to textbooks.

The new website allows students, faculty and alumni to have the A&T bookstore virtually at their fingertips.

University bookstore manager Tim Moore is excited about the new venture.

"Students and faculty will be able to purchase and reserve textbooks and office supplies online from the convenience of their own computer," Moore said.

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## IN BRIEF

GOVERNOR  
APPOINTS RENICK  
TO BOARD OF  
SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY

Gov. Mike Easley has appointed N. C. A&T's Chancellor James C. Renick to the North Carolina Board of Science and Technology.

The board advises and makes recommendations to the governor, the secretary of commerce, and the economic development board on the role of science and technology to the economic growth and development of North Carolina.

The board has 17 members and the governor appoints 15. The governor and secretary of commerce serve as officio members.

FAISON RECEIVES  
SCHOLARSHIP

Patrice Faison, a clinical faculty member in the School of Education at N.C. A&T, has received the Jennifer Nicole Brown Scholarship.

The \$500 award is awarded annually to an A&T graduate student majoring in elementary education. Faison, a National Board Certified Teacher, joined A&T's School of Education in August. Prior to coming to the university, she taught third grade at Stokesdale Elementary School.

A native of Elizabeth City, Faison is the advisor for A&T's Student North Carolina Association of Educators and co-coordinator of FRESH, a support group for freshmen.

## A&amp;T dominates Honda Quiz Bowl tournament opponents

By KARINA HARDY  
News reporter/Online editor

There are only a few minutes left on the clock and the competition is intense. Every question answered must be right or the opposing team will take the victory. The pressure is fierce, hands are sweating and hearts are jumping in anticipation. Only the brightest minds will survive to the end and win.

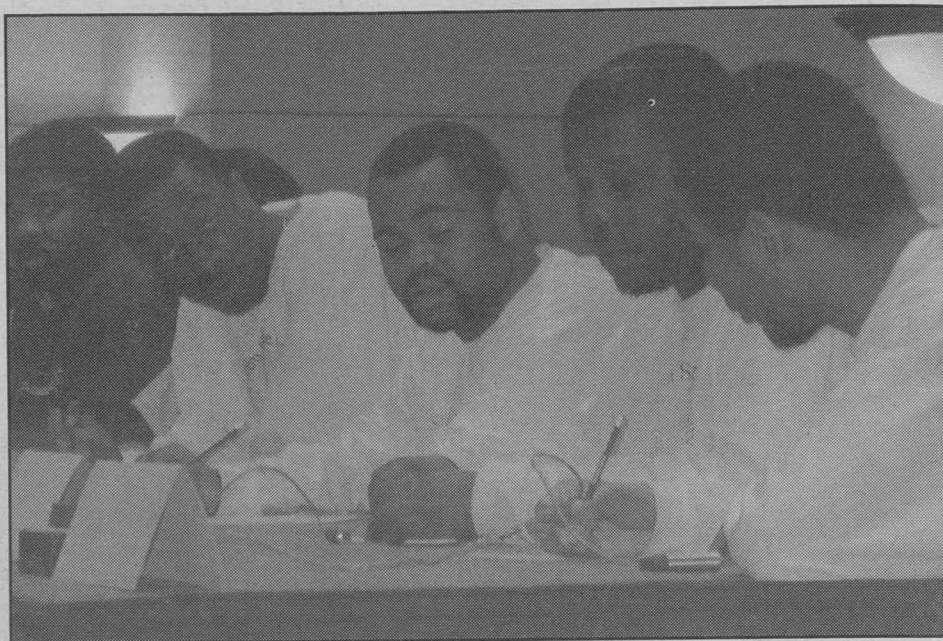
N.C. A&T held the Aggie Invitational Honda Campus All-Star Challenge in the Memorial Student Union Ballroom, Jan. 18 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The HCASC is a question-and-answer game set up like "Jeopardy," but is played in a team effort as with the popular game, "Family Feud."

The game is especially designed for students at HBCUs, focusing on topics from history, literature, religion, the sciences, geography and the arts to current events, social sciences, sports and popular culture. African-American achievements and culture are stressed each category.

A&T went up against Fayetteville State University, N.C. Central University, Allen University, South Carolina State University, Winston Salem State University and Shaw University, winning every game.

Winning the tournament would not have been as easy if the Aggies had not gone through intense study and practice.

"You have to know your stuff to make it through this game," said team captain Antoine Harris. "The team practices four days a week for two hours at a time



Sharonda Eggleton/Photo editor

## Shaw University's Honda Quiz Bowl team discuss a response to a question asked during the competition held at A&amp;T.

on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The practice time is long, but it ensures us that we are prepared."

"This is a game that contains two teams of four players and spotlights the brightest minds on campus. Reading and being up to date with current events is imperative in this competition. Players must watch the news, listen to the radio, read the paper, read books and use any means to gather information to be a competitive player in this game," said Sandra Williamson, A&T history professor and Quiz Bowl coach.

The quiz bowl is not only beneficial to

the participants but is also beneficial to the schools. Every year the Quiz Bowl gives monetary grants for the schools that participate.

The Honda Quiz Bowl tournament was a practice round for the national championship, which will be held in Florida, April 28-31.

Final tournament scores for A&T:

N.C. A&T vs. WSS 215-40  
N.C. A&T vs. Fayetteville State 120-95  
N.C. A&T vs. NCCU 205-110  
N.C. A&T vs. South Carolina 165-20  
N.C. A&T vs. Shaw 120-40

## WEBSITE

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"It was important that we develop a site that addresses the convenience of the customers," he added.

Moore also says many alumni expressed concern about how hard it is to find merchandise that bears the A&T name, emblem and mascot.

Graduating senior Nakia Isley-George is anticipating the new website and the idea of purchasing things from the comfort of her own home.

"I will probably buy things through the website after I graduate because the only time I will be able to buy in person is during Homecoming," Isley-George said.

In order to spread the news of the new website, mass mailings will be sent to the alumni and students' parents. The information will also be publicized in "The Aggie Report" as well as "A&T Today." Freshman Tiffayna Ceasar, who was unaware the bookstore had a website said she's looking forward to the convenience of shopping at home.

"I would buy my books through the website because I don't like fighting the crowd at the beginning of the semester," Ceasar said.

Even though this is an e-commerce site, purchases can only be made by restricted customers which include all A&T students, faculty, staff and alumni. The Umstead Act of North Carolina prevents institutions, such as A&T, from competing with private companies.

With the website being new to the campus, the staff only received about 100 orders.

The orders can be either shipped or reserved for pick-up at the convenience of the customer. The promotion for the first 100 orders was a free stadium cushion with their order.

"There will be other things associated with the website such as coupons that you can print and use in the bookstore or you can print it and send it in with your order," Moore said.

In the future, Moore says there will be an opportunity for faculty members to complete requisition forms online.

There has been a problem in the past with getting the forms in on time and this service would alleviate the problem, Moore said.

Potential customers like Isley-George have also shared concerns with purchasing from the website. Isley-George is concerned about items being in stock.

"A lot of times, there are just pictures on websites and no product," she said.

Ceasar's concern was credit card security.

"I want to know who is getting my credit card number," Ceasar said.

Moore assures credit card protection due to the site being password protected. In order to purchase, there must be an e-mail address and a PIN number.

A&T's ITT management and staff, systems administrator Ron Cooper, student assistants and Cheryl Harrellson, of the Office of University Relations, whose role was helping to link the website to the alumni page, assisted in the construction of the website.

"The website has taken off quickly," she said. "We have gotten calls from numerous alums requesting PINs so that they can begin buying quickly."

The bookstore web address is [www.ncatbookstore.com](http://www.ncatbookstore.com).

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## FEES

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amongst the 16 state universities in this fee category, Robinson said.

Education and technology fees, in correlation with last year's increase, will fund a wireless Internet connection created in Bluford Library, Memorial Student Union and Williams Cafeteria.

Athletics fees saw their lowest increase to date, according to Willie Ellis Jr., vice chancellor for business and finance.

"The \$13 increase in the athletic component is for operational issues, not for scholarships or student financial aid," Ellis said.

The proceeds will go to a minimum reserve fund balance. It is expected to compensate for a sudden lack of funding or income during a case of emergency. Monies are currently being used to hire someone to concentrate on fundraising through outside sponsors.

New computer labs and two new fitness facilities in the residence halls are one of the first items on the agenda as the housing fee increases to \$100.

The funds will also go towards posting room assignments online. Only students staying on-campus will be obligated to pay this fee.

Food services also increased fees an extra \$100 to improve the variety of the food at Williams Cafeteria. The dining area on the third floor is expected to be part of the plan, as well as adding on another franchise.

Parking fees per year rose as well. Students will now pay \$125 instead of \$100, whereas faculty members who desire reserved parking will have to pay \$305, a \$50 increase.

A recent law passed by the state legislature requires monies collected by

parking violations to be returned to the university.

These monies will pay for the enforcement officers who distribute parking tickets. New methods to control illegal parking, such as automated gates at the entrances of parking lots, are being considered, Robinson said.

Students, however, weren't ecstatic about the student fee increase.

Lawrence Flowers, a junior, only supports the increase if the students benefit the most.

"I believe it will be a good idea, only if our living conditions improve, as far as better quality food, our dorms being more comfortable, and just our overall college environment improving," Flowers said.

April Nettleton, a junior, believes the increase of fees, in athletics especially,

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**Willie Ellis  
Vice Chancellor for business  
and finance**

are unnecessary.

"As far as the athletics fee goes I don't think they should increase it because most students don't even go to the games. Money that is not used at the games should be given back in a refund or some other source," Nettleton said.

Now that the committee, chancellor and Board of Trustees have approved the student fee increase, the next step is approval by the president of the state university system, and the Board of Governors.

## FLETCHER

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**A:** My mother died while I was in college. She died from a blood clot that formed as a result of the medication she was taking. It was very tough for me because I was very close to my mother. However, it motivated me even more to become a nurse in my mother's memory.

**Q:** How did you deal with the loss of your mother?

**A:** I pressed through the tough times by holding on to the Lord and knowing that he would bring me through. I also had the support of family and friends to help me to get through. Without them it would have been tough to cope with the loss of my mother. I took a semester off to help my family cope. I decided to go back to school the following semester. I had to keep focus on the goal at hand and press on. I knew what I wanted to do in life and I knew that and no matter what I kept moving forward.

**Q:** Did you always know that you wanted to be a nurse?

**A:** Well, I always knew that I would be a teacher, but I didn't know that I would teach nursing. I have many interests and teaching is one of them. I have a high enthusiasm for nursing and teaching is a way that I can share my craft with others. It has always been my dream to teach.

**Q:** What advice would you give to A&T students who are reaching for their dreams and goals?

**A:** I would tell them to never give up and no matter what your circumstances look like. You can do anything that you put your mind to. When you get to

where you want to be you should help people as they have helped you. Helping people keeps you happy. That is what has kept me going for 63 years. If you expect someone to help you with a job or whatever you do, then you should expect to do something for someone else.

**Q:** It is a high honor to be recognized in the state amongst the "Top 100." What responsibility do you feel to yourself and your department to live up to that?

**A:** Yes, I feel like I now have a responsibility to my students, to my fellow staff members and to my department and to my family to help them out the best that I can and to uphold the honor of doing what is right. I am committed to achieving excellence and help mold future professional nurses.

**Q:** What is your driving force in your career?

**A:** Just being able to teach. I love to teach. Before I became a teacher, I specialized in pediatrics. My love and passion is working with families with young children. Teaching at A&T since 1987 has allowed me to teach future professional nurses the craft that I love.

**Q:** What do you feel most honored about in your career?

**A:** My greatest rewards have not come from a piece of paper or a plaque that I receive, but from seeing students succeed in their nursing careers. The honors and awards I have received are beyond anything I have ever dreamed. I give the Lord all the credit. I live to teach and I teach to live. It is my passion. I have been blessed to be able to teach and to help others, for that I am most honored.



Sharonda Eggleton/Photo editor

**For weeks Old Man Winter left his mark on the Carolinas, dumping inches of snow and ice, downing power lines and leaving thousands of area residents without electricity.**

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1, including a reception in the Mattye Reed Art Gallery at 1 p.m., followed by a 2 p.m. private screening of "February One," a documentary about the A&T Four to be shown in Harrison Auditorium.

The film, a production of Video Dialog Inc., an independent film company in Durham, is an intimate look at the story of the four freshmen who etched their names into Greensboro history.

The film's producer, Rebecca Cerece says it was important that the true story of the A&T Four was told.

"We wanted to tell a well-rounded story that was true to the guys and true to what really happened," she said, "...it's mostly their words."

Although the premiere of the docu-

mentary will be closed to the public, Cerece says they hope to have another showing later for the public.

Cerece hopes to pitch the documentary to PBS and it will also be sold

**"We wanted to tell a well-rounded story that was true to the guys..."**

**Rebecca Cerece  
Producer, "February One"**

through the museum.

The film's premiere is also important to Program Coordinator for the Civil Rights Museum, Stephone Ingram.

"I had the opportunity to cast as one of the original members of the group, Jibreel Khazan, in the film, which is my first time doing anything to this magnitude," Ingram said.

There will also be the annual banquet held at the Koury Convention Center at 7 p.m.

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## Past, present, future go hand-in-hand

Throughout my grade school years I attended majority white, public schools. Each year when Black History Month rolled around, I began to wonder why we only learned of the accomplishments of a select few, not to mention the fact that we never discussed anything having to do with current issues facing blacks.



**Tarah Holland**

It was always the past, always Martin, Harriet, Frederick and depending on the teacher, a little about Malcolm. Hearing about them so much, made me feel like I knew them. "Why can't we learn about someone else?" so many young blacks used to ask.

It wasn't until I came to A&T that my awareness of the many issues that consume our race and our communities was heightened.

According to statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2000, more African-Americans were reported with AIDS than any other racial or ethnic group.

They also reported that almost two-thirds or 63 percent of all women reported with AIDS were African-American.

Today, in a country where blacks have been in existence for hundreds of years, our population has been eclipsed by

Latinos, according to new Census figures.

Represented by nearly 13 percent, Latinos are now the leading minority race in America. African-Americans follow, making up 12.7 percent of the county's population.

As we welcome Black History Month each year, we should continue to honor the legacies of great leaders and their accomplishments, but we should also focus on and mold our futures by fulfilling those legacies as well.

Instead of only reminiscing about the dream we should also begin to live it by starting with education. As college students we have the power to enact change. Knowledge is power and we should encourage others to seek it.

Education means a lot more than higher learning in academics. It also means higher learning about AIDS and other diseases that plague our race.

Education is a better understanding about politics and the issues that face our communities. Knowing the issues can help us decide whom we need in our local, state and federal governments working to help resolve those issues.

Education is also a better understanding of how to embrace our children, teaching them to always strive to better themselves and their situations. This encouragement will then lead to our children, who are our future, ending the damaging cycles of miseducation within family units.

Let's begin to make Black History Month less of a review and more of an revolution.

## AGGIES TALK BACK!!!

**In light of the Iraq conflict, how do you feel about the prospect of the US going to war?**

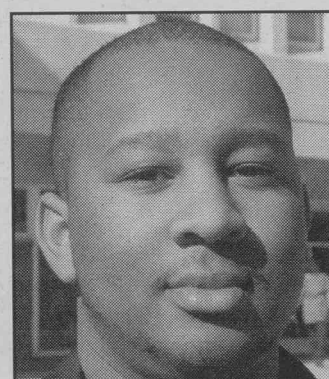


"Me personally I am against war. I think the U.S. needs to stay to themselves. We're on this technology power trip, and we don't think other countries are as advanced as we are. We don't know what they have up their sleeve."

**Megan Brooks, sophomore, professional English major**

"I disagree with going to war. I think we need to work on our economy before focusing on other countries' issues. Basically stabilize our economy."

**-Monica Rheinhardt, senior, economics major**

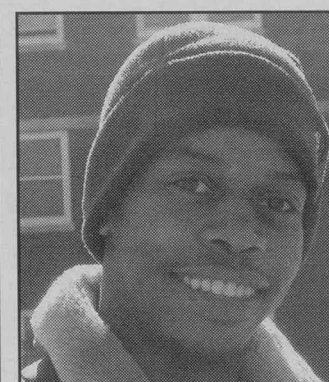


"I think I support it. We have to defend ourselves because if we don't there will be another 9-11 someday."

**-Reginald Watson, senior, electrical engineering/applied math major**

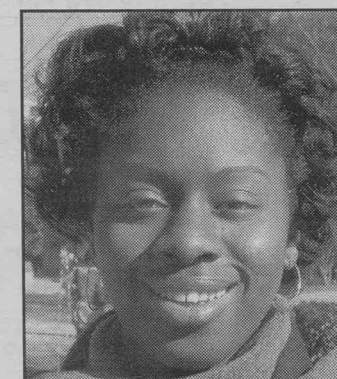
"I think if we can avoid it, we should. Search for a peaceful resolution, being that war is more of a loss than a gain."

**-Nyea Wright, junior, finance major**



"I think it's a cop-out, I think the U.S. is trying to play big boy. It's unnecessary to go to war. I think Bush is pushing for his re-election, his political agendas."

**-Stephen Cody  
Graduate student, African-American literature**



## BRIEFLY STATED...

Students who claim their admission to the University of Michigan was blocked because of their race will have their day in court April 1 in a pair of cases that could have a lasting affect on what many of us know as affirmative action.

Supreme Court justices announced Jan. 21 they will hear arguments in two similar cases to determine whether affirmative action programs at the university should continue or be thrown out.

The Bush administration filed briefs in the cases, opposing the way Michigan admits students.

Justices will be asked to decide whether or not the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment forbids giving one ethnic group or culture special advantages over another.

Since the Supreme Court has no clear guidelines on the use of affirmative

action, the decision by the justices could be very significant.

So, will this mean the end of affirmative action?

Without affirmative action, it could very well be harder for many minority students to get into larger, more prestigious institutions that have very intense requirements.

Although it's true that affirmative action gives minority applicants a boost in selective admissions, it doesn't mean that most white applicants would have a better opportunity of getting accepted if prestigious schools eliminated the practice. Affirmative action is meant to help minority students get into elite schools and also gives those schools the opportunity to add diversity to their campuses. When it is practiced correctly, affirmative action is beneficial to both students and colleges.

### Letters to the editor

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# What Most Guys Think About



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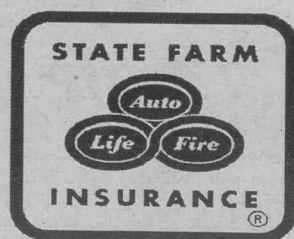
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## Local rap artist hopes for success

BY BROOKS NEWKIRK  
Register Contributor

When most people complain about hip-hop, all they do is complain. They complain about the beats. They complain about the lyrics. They complain about the artists. But, unlike other hip-hop heads, James Ashe, a.k.a. Goodman Brown, decided to take matters into his own hands with the formation of Turn 2 Records.

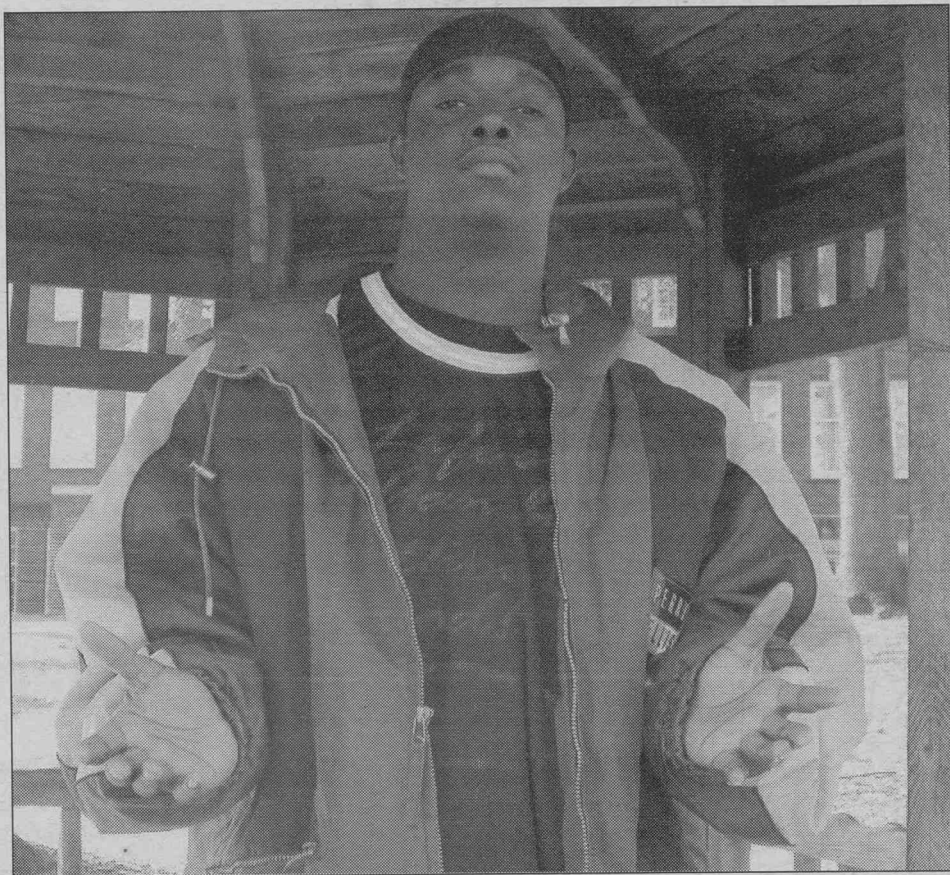
Turn 2 was formed a little over a year ago in Reidsville, N.C. And Goodman took the term underground to a whole different level by turning his basement into a studio that many professionals would envy.

"The greatest difficulty of any hometown rapper is being in his hometown. When people I don't know hear my stuff, they like it and see me as an artist, not as a kid they went to high school with. People in the town see James, people outside of the town see Goodman Brown."

Any preconceived notions the people of Reidsville had about Goodman's skills were quickly dismissed with the release of his solo debut, *My Legacy*. But for Goodman, his debut was more than a chance to prove his nay-sayers wrong. It was a chance for him to get Turn 2's name into people's mouth.

"Since the record dropped, I've gotten a lot of positive reviews from people. I was actually pretty surprised by how well it was perceived. 'My Legacy' was like a stepping stone, it helped push Turn 2 from a totally underground label to one that has major potential to make an impact on the hip-hop scene," said Goodman.

"My Legacy" did more than get people's attention, it also brought new



Sharonda Eggleton/ Photo Editor

### Rapper Young Bishop hopes that his rap career travels far beyond Reidsville, N.C.

artists to the Turn 2 family.

"My record brought a lot of new people into Turn 2's life, which is good, but at the same time, I've been so busy dealing with new artists and developing their sound that I haven't had any time to promote my own record," he said.

One of the newest members of the Turn 2 fam is a man out of Reidsville named Young Bishop, whose style Goodman describes as nothing short of amazing.

"When I met Bishop, I was blown away. His style was fresh, it was unique, it was gangsta...it was amazing. He could go head to head with any MC out there and blow them out of the water."

Young Bishop fell in love with rhyming at the age of 9, but now in his early 20s his love for hip-hop has grown from a hobby to a full on obsession.

"I'm real serious about what I'm doing here at Turn 2. I'm trying to get out of the slums, out of the hoods, out

of the struggle, especially for my children," said Young Bishop.

Bishop's rhyming skills is enough to make him a producer's dream, but his work ethic and eagerness to learn and improve his craft is what makes him one of Goodman's favorite artists to work with.

"From a business standpoint, I like him because he doesn't waste a lot of tape and he's real serious about making music. While I'm making beats, he'll stand over my shoulder, watching what I'm doing. Sometimes, he's annoying me, but he's just so interested in learning. I expect great things from him," Goodman said.

So far, the Biggie and Puff of Reidsville, as their friends call them, have cut two singles, "My Turn" and "Elevation," both of which should turn heads from the Dirty South all the way to Cali. Young Bishop credits this to the chemistry that he and Goodman share.

"We can work together and that's the most important thing. I can understand him, he can understand me and we listen to each other. So when you put those things together, you can create a lot of great things. And that's exactly what we're doing," said Bishop.

Goodman has high hopes for Bishop, but he isn't rushing his newest artist and friend; his debut album isn't scheduled to drop until early June.

"A lot of producers make the mistake of releasing their artist's record before it's fully ready, but I'm not going to make that mistake with Bishop. His record is going to be tight from the intro all the way to the last track. The whole sound of Turn 2 has changed, I think people will be impressed," said Goodman.

## Rapper DMX runs into cookie situation in Atlanta mall

BY TRINA LOGAN  
Entertainment Reporter

ATLANTA- Have you ever been in a rush and just had to have that last minute purchase five minutes before the mall closes? Well, this weekend at Lennox Square mall in Atlanta, I saw rap star Earl Simmons a.k.a. DMX hanging out by the Great American Cookie stand attempting to buy cookies for himself and his bodyguards at the very last minute. DMX is known for such singles as "Get at Me Dog," "Who We Be," "No Love 4 Me" and others. DMX just released an autobiography entitled 'E.A.R.L.' the Autobiography of Earl Simmons.

Even though DMX is known for platinum albums and court cases involving violent behavior, he seems to be a sweetheart to his groupie fans asking for autographs and pictures.

I had a chance to speak with him right before he attempted to place his order at the cookie factory. His whole mood altered when an employee walked right by him and served someone else. DMX asked the cookie stand worker to serve him because he wanted to buy some cookies and was standing in line before anyone else. He was denied service and began to cause a scene saying "Yo dog, what the \*\*\*\* do you mean I can't buy

any cookies man!" The cookie man stood his ground and continued to ignore the rapper.

DMX went into a rage, taking his hands and smacking every poster and menu off the counter of the cookie stand. DMX demanded service but was still refused. The now-furious rapper reached over the counter and snatched both trays of cookies out of the young worker's hands. He then yelled to the



Trina Logan  
A Look at  
the Stars

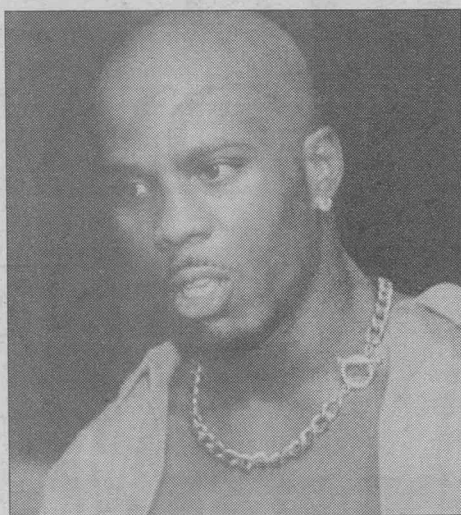


Photo courtesy of xnez.tripod.com/DMX

### Rapper Earl Simmons a.k.a. DMX had a run-in with a cookie store in Atlanta.

crowd, "Anybody want some cookies? I'm selling them for a dollar because I'm giving you 10 percent off."

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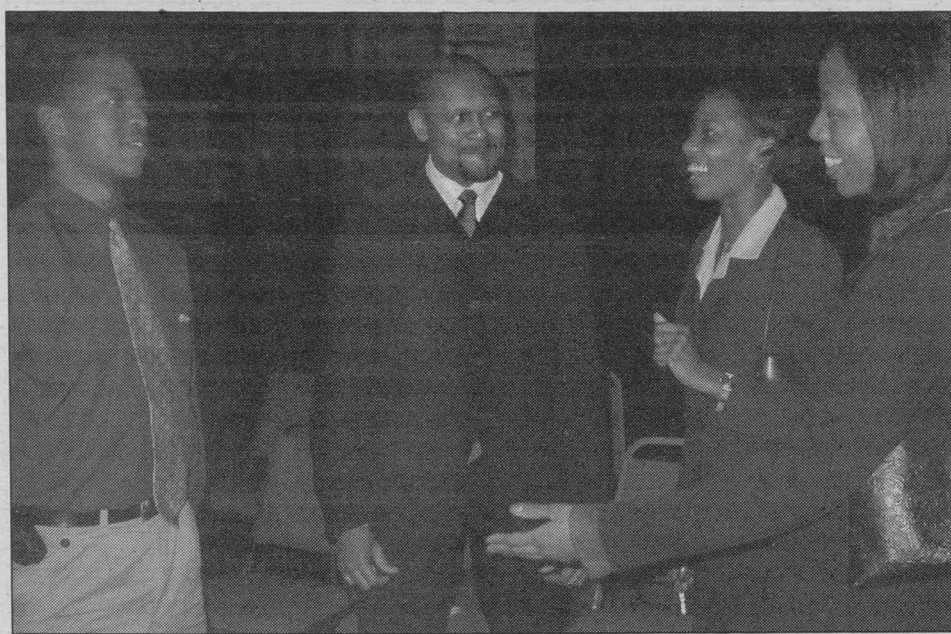
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**Kevin Powell (center), an accomplished activist and author, shares a moment with three members of North Carolina A&T's Student Government Association.**

## Powell enlightens A&T students

By TRINA LOGAN  
Entertainment Reporter

African American poet Langston Hughes posed the question, "What happens to a dream deferred?" New Jersey native, author, activist and poet Kevin Powell explored the concept on Jan. 15 in Harrison Auditorium.

Scholar Michael Eric Dyson named Powell one of America's most brilliant young cultural critics."

Powell has written articles for Vibe, Newsweek, The Washington Post and Rolling Stone. He was also an original cast member of MTV's *The Real World* in New York City. When asked any questions regarding the television series, he will simply reply, "What is the real world?"

Powell spoke on political issues, diversity in the community and education among our peers.

"You all don't even realize how we are being socialized differently, we got collegiate thugs now," said Powell.

He preached that black men are in a serious crisis and are not oppressed more than black women.

"Black men are oppressed equally but differently," he said.

Powell received a lot of applause when he stated that the mindsets for a lot of men now on campus are of a specific subculture.

"Some of us are student leader pimps, some of us are athletic pimps, some of us fraternity pimps," said Powell. "A pimp means that you exploit, disrespect, disregard that with what brought you on to this planet, women as garbage."

He also gave his opinion on what an education really means.

"An education doesn't mean your professor gives you something and then you regurgitate it, give it back to them and they give you an A. That's not education, that's memorization," added Powell.

In closing, Powell gave suggested that both men and women can help redefine our country.

"Black men have to redefine manhood and women redefine womanhood. Read bell hooks, read Audre Lorde and June Jordan. Read, read, read," said Powell.

Powell delivered a powerful message despite the amount of student participation. Brooke Myatt, senior and Ms. N.C. A&T, shared her views on student participation at the Martin Luther King Jr. program with Powell.

"My position is to represent the student body and I believe that everything you said should have been heard by every student here," said Myatt.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration was sponsored by SGA and Student Affairs.

## Cookie

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It was incredible to see men, women and children of all ages yelling at each other to give an already successful rapper money in a little bootleg cardboard red and yellow box to pay for cookies just because DMX was selling them.

It seemed as if everyone in the mall was fighting for a chance to catch a DMX deal on a nationally known cookie. I heard a die-hard DMX fan say, "Man I am going to wrap this up and use it as my autograph." Man please!

The flashlight cops a.k.a. mall security acted as if they were scared to approach DMX and tell him to leave. I have never seen police officers "shook" in my life. DMX told the officers when they first came up to him that he had been to jail

and was not going back over any cookies. If the people want cookies, he is going to give them cookies.

Finally, when each chocolate chip fudge cookie was demolished, he slammed both pans on the floor, saying, "There, you can have those cookies."

The mall went into a hysterical frenzy with people shouting and guys pumping their fists to show their love for the rapper's actions. DMX walked calmly to the exit along with his managers and bodyguards.

His wife and kids will always view him as Earl Simmons, his fan base will know him as DMX, but I will forever know him as "The Cookie Monster."

## Broadcast Music Inc. to hold student competition

By CHRIS WALLACE  
Register Sports/ E-Vibes Editor

Broadcast Music Incorporated (BMI), a music company based in New York, will hold its 51st annual BMI Student Composer Award competition. BMI President and CEO Frances W. Preston, announced on Nov. 11 that the competition will continue, and the deadline for entering the 2003 competition is Feb. 7.

"We want to help young composers with this competition," said Ralph N. Jackson, director of BMI Student Composer Awards. "This is usually the first national recognition that young composers receive. We give them a scholarship award ranging from \$500 to \$5000, and BMI pays their way to New York, where other composers will meet."

The BMI Student Composer awards

were established in 1951 to encourage young composers in the creation of serious music and provide cash prizes to help them in continuing their music education. This year's competition will award \$20,000 in all to young composers, and there are no limitations as to the instrumentation, style or length of the work submitted. Eleven former winners in this competition have gone on to win the Pulitzer Prize in music.

The competition is open to students who are under 26 years of age by Dec. 31, 2002 and who are citizens of North, South and Central America, the Caribbean Island nations and the Hawaiian Islands.

Official rules and entry forms are available at [www.bmi.com/bmifoundation](http://www.bmi.com/bmifoundation) or may be obtained by contacting Jackson at [classical@bmi.com](mailto:classical@bmi.com).

## Spiritual Renaissance Singers to perform at A&T

The Spiritual Renaissance Singers of Greensboro (SRSG) will perform a concert on the campus of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, in Paul Robeson Theatre. The concert is part of the N.C. A&T Lyceum Series.

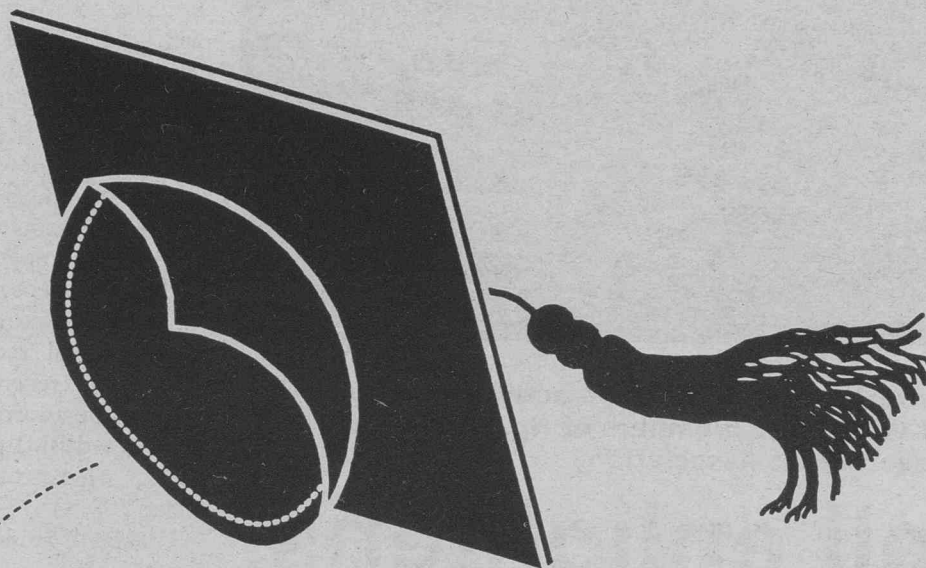
Comprised of Greensboro area residents of various cultural and professional backgrounds and directed by Patricia Johnson Trice, SRSG seeks to preserve and perpetuate through performance the unaccompanied arrangements of the African American Spirituals. The program includes works arranged by music director Trice, William Dawson, and Charles S. Brown. The featured arranger for this season is John W. Work.

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# Breaking New Ground

From changes in its appearance to changes in its staff, A&T has experienced an array of changes in 2002

A COMMENTARY BY  
SHARONDA R. EGGLETON  
Photo editor

With another year gone, N.C. A&T has made a few changes with the times. With a variety of changes around regarding the A&T's appearance and changes in its staff, if you're not careful, you might miss something.

Just in case, here's a quick rundown of a few changes that took place in 2002.

Bill Hayes was fired as head coach of the A&T football team, but don't fret. The new head coach, George Small, has come from Hampton University to try to help the Aggies improve next season.

Changes in the weather were also present throughout Greensboro. The city got its first touch of snow during the final week of classes last semester.

What began as snow eventually turned to ice, uprooting trees all over Greensboro, as well as on A&T's campus, leaving many Aggies with no electricity.

Just in case you haven't seen the file cabinets, there's no longer a computer lab in the basement of Bluford Library. Now students have access to laptops which must be checked out and only used in the library.

The gravel lot behind Marteena has finally been paved and yet people still make up their own parking spaces.

There are more parking spaces around campus. The lot behind Crosby and on the side of Campbell has been completed, and has plenty of space - if you



Sharonda Eggleton/Photo Editor

**There were many changes on A&T's campus in 2002. From the construction of several buildings and the addition of several parking lots on campus, A&T's future are looking bright.**

come before 10 a.m.

The building behind Crosby and Merrick appears to be complete, but now the question is when will it be open for service.

You can now buy your books online through the bookstore's new e-com-

merce website.

There's also a new system for refunds which didn't quit seem to have all the kinks worked out, as people who with Social Security numbers for 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. appointments, were there at 8 a.m. anyway.

And last, but not least, there is now an empty field between the Scott Hall and Obermyer parking lot, which is soon to become another building to add to the great changes on A&T's campus. A&T looks like it's well on its way to the fulfilling the university's master plan.

## Students see Balkans through dance

BY CRYSTAL DAILY  
Register Contributor

Bangles, charms and flowing scarves are not required attire, although they might help. Michele Levy, chairperson of the English Department, has been taking students on a tour of the Balkans and Near Eastern Europe, although, this is not a lesson in geography.

Every Tuesday night, Levy leads students through various types of dance steps from countries including Turkey, Greece, Bulgaria, Serbia, Macedonia, Albania, Armenia, Lebanon, and many others.

"I have been dancing as long as I have been breathing," said Lev, "Learning to dance to these types of rhythms is a cultural experience."

"The dance steps seem slow at first but it's actually very aerobic," said Evelyn Benham, A&T staff member from the Purchasing Office.

Levy's services as a dance instructor are strictly on a volunteer basis. As an instructor, Levy is extremely patient. She reviews the steps for the students before starting the music to make sure that everyone is somewhat comfortable with the steps. Dance movements of these cultures could be compared to belly dancing, although the movements are not as suggestive.

Students find the steps easy to grasp because most of the music begins with slower rhythms and as the music continues, the rhythm speeds up with the steps.

Levy began her quest to learn about this form of dancing when she was a freshman in college; her best friend was Armenian. Levy was taught the fundamentals by a family friend.

"Although she was a much older woman, her movements were elegant. She pulled me aside and taught me a few steps and from that point on, I have

*"Learning to dance to these types of rhythms is a cultural experience."*

**Michele Levy**  
English Department Chair

always wanted to dance," Levy said.

"Subtle and natural movements made by these older women made them timeless," she said.

Levy has experienced these dances first hand. In 1968, Levy hitchhiked through the Balkans and visited several small villages that perform these dances. "These cultures don't have televisions so they spend their time dancing every night," said Levy.

Levy's ultimate goal is to form a small group of dancers from N.C. A&T. This group would be designed to visit high schools to present dances and inform students of these cultures.

All students and members of the community may attend Levy's dance class; dance experience is not required.

For more information, contact Michele Levy at 334-7771.

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# It's a Small world after all

## Small takes over A&T football program

By CHRIS WALLACE  
Register Sports/ E-Vibes Editor

It took only six minutes for N.C. A&T athletics director Charlie Davis to close the door on the 15-year career of former head football coach Bill Hayes. It took a little over a month to find the next one.

On Jan. 12, the Aggies ended their 42-day search for a replacement and began a new era in the Aggie football program by naming George Small, a former Aggie football player and co-defensive coordinator with Hampton University, as head football coach.

"We are very excited about George Small assuming the head coaching posi-

tion," said Chancellor James C. Renick. "His experiences as a professional athlete and coach will be a great asset to A&T's football program."

Small's job will be no small thing, however, as he will look to rebuild a team that crumbled last season and limped to an inauspicious 4-8 record, including losses to N.C. Central in the Aggie-Eagle Classic and Morgan State on Homecoming.

"In the various places I've been, being associated with some tremendous programs, I've always said 'Boy, it sure would be nice to go back home and win a national championship,'" said Small in reference to his dream of coaching the Aggies to a national championship.

"With all the support from our Aggie family, I feel like we can get it done. I really do."

Small, a former defensive lineman and captain at N.C. A&T, was named All-  
MEAC in 1979 and played from 1975 to 1979. In 1979, he was selected as a Pittsburgh Courier All-American and a North Carolina All-State honoree. Subsequently following his collegiate career, Small played six seasons in professional football, including five in the National Football League.

"He is honest, full of integrity," said Davis of Small. "He's going to give us discipline on and off the field."

From 1995 to 2000, Small assumed the head coaching duties at Division II

Kentucky State University, where he finished with a career record of 34-35. In 1997, he was named 100 percent Wrong Club Coach of the Year and was twice named Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference coach of the year. In 1995, his team led the nation in total defense and won the inaugural Pioneer Bowl.

Following his successful stint with Kentucky State, Small moved on to Youngstown State under current Ohio State head coach Jim Tressel as a defensive line from 2001-2002 and then to Hampton University as an assistant head coach and co-defensive coordinator last season.

## NBA All-Star starters announced

By CHRIS WALLACE  
Register Sports/ E-Vibes Editor



Photo courtesy of Kobe Bryant's playground

**Kobe leads the Lakers in scoring and assists.**

The 2003 NBA All-Star teams were announced on Jan. 23 and Laker guard Kobe Bryant led all voter-getters with more than 1.4 million votes. Bryant, who ranks second in the NBA in scoring at 27.6 points per game, beat out the Magic's Tracy McGrady for the leading vote-getter and will start his fourth consecutive all-star game. Bryant was named all-star MVP last season.

The All-Star game will be held on Feb. 9 in Atlanta's Phillips Arena and will feature the All-Star debut of Yao Ming of the Houston Rockets. Yao beat out perennial all-star Shaquille O'Neal and will start at center for the western conference all-stars. Other first-time starters include the Indiana Pacer's Jermaine O'Neal at forward and the Detroit Pistons Ben Wallace at center. The All-Star teams are as follows:

### Eastern Conference starters:

G- Allen Iverson  
G- Tracy McGrady  
F- Jermaine O'Neal  
F- Vince Carter  
C- Ben Wallace

### Western Conference starters:

G- Kobe Bryant  
G- Steve Francis  
F- Tim Duncan  
F- Kevin Garnett  
C- Yao Ming

**Coaches:** Eastern Conference: Isiah Thomas (Indiana Pacers)  
Western Conference: Rick Adelman (Sacramento Kings)

## A&T's Holmes suspended indefinitely

FROM SPORTS INFORMATION

N.C. A&T men's basketball head coach Curtis Hunter has suspended forward Joe Holmes indefinitely for "conduct detrimental to the men's basketball team."

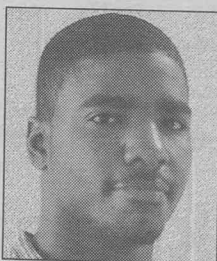
Holmes, a 6-7 freshman from Charlotte, was averaging 8.7 points and 4.3 rebounds in seven games played this season. He scored 17 points in his debut against N.C. State on Dec. 14, and then matched that against Maryland -Eastern Shore last Saturday.

This is the second level of disciplinary action taken against Holmes, who sat out against Duke for a missed practice.

Holmes was recruited as one of the top 50 fifth-year players last season after averaging 18 points and eight rebounds at Bonner Academy.

## Is Hunter on the hot seat?

There is a really eerie and uncomfortable feeling surrounding the Aggie basketball team these days, at least from an outsider's point of view. At home



Chris Wallace  
On Sports

games, there is no life in the crowd and at times on the court, there just isn't much good basketball being played. Maybe everyone is still stunned from the firing of former football head coach Bill Hayes. Then again, there is a new coach in town, so maybe they aren't so stunned after all.

Nonetheless, the men's basketball team is not only 0-12 this season. They just have not been close in many games, and one of their most recent setbacks was a 107-70 loss to Howard University on Jan. 22, in which Bison guard Ron Williamson lit up the Aggies for 52 points. Okay, three of the 12 losses were to N.C. State, Duke and Wake Forest consecutively.

The Aggies have a scoring margin of minus 25.0 points per game (*this means that the Aggies lose by an average of 25 points per game*), which leads the MEAC by over 10 points and have averaged only 57.8 points per game.

Since head basketball coach Curtis Hunter took over following the 1999-00 season, his career record is (27-44), and his teams have been notorious for slow starts. This season's slow start, however, couldn't have come at a worse time.

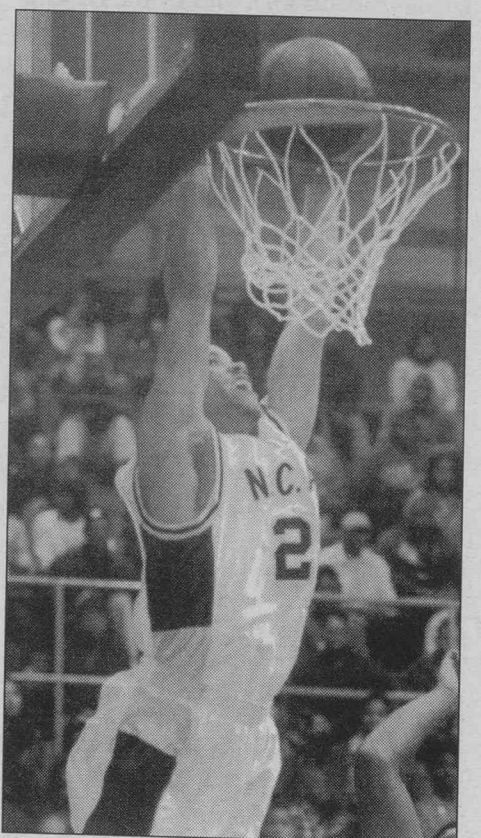
While the university seems to be in the midst of a transitional mode, Hunter's job could, and I repeat, could be on the line barring a miraculous finish to this season. But then again, I don't know anything. I'm just a young college journalist...right?

Finishing strong has been nothing new to Hunter and his Aggies as they finished well last season and finished 11-17 overall. The season prior to that, Hunter's Aggies closed out the season red-hot, finishing 13-17 overall, including several big wins down the stretch. However, this season's hole seems to be

getting deeper and deeper for Hunter and the Aggies.

The Jan. 19 loss to rival N.C. Central and the follow-up loss to Howard seemed to signify the way things are going for the Aggies this season; just a little short or way, way off. The Aggies seem to have a solid base as sophomore guard Steve Koger is 13th in the MEAC, averaging 13.7 points per game, while teammate Tyrone Green ranks 17th in the MEAC at 12.3 points per game. Also, forward Chris Ferguson ranks 5th in the MEAC, averaging 6.5 rebounds per game.

Considering that the Aggies are young and have some talent, there is a lot of reason for promise. But with athletics director Charlie Davis sending a bold message on Dec. 3 with the firing of Hayes, the time is now for Hunter's Aggies to regroup or they'll have regrets.



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**A&T guard Steve Koger has been one of the rare bright spots for the Aggies.**



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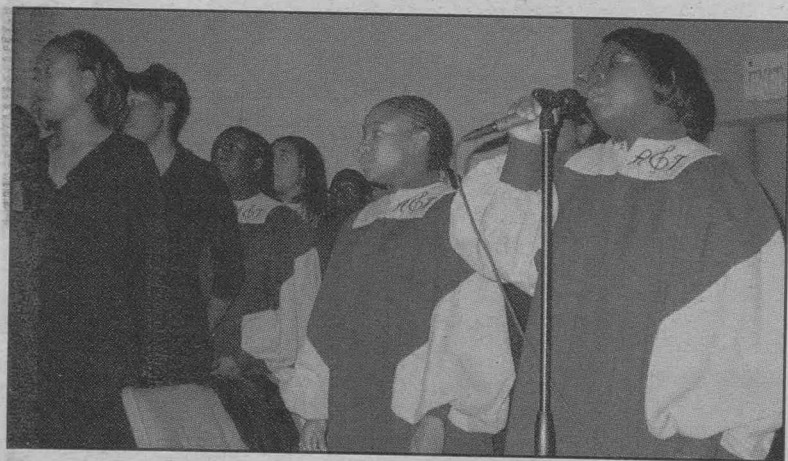


A&T students volunteered their time in more than one way. Reaching out to the community, A&T students play jump rope with children from the Ray Warren Homes, one of the many community service events offered on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. day.

All photos taken by Sharonda Eggleton except photo of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



The Martin Luther King Jr. Day not only offered community service, but an area parade, down Martin Luther King Jr. Street, where Greensboro Masons showed their spirit.



The A&T Gospel Choir lifts spirits with song during the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Observance.



The E. Gwynn dancers perform in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance, held on Wednesday, Jan. 15, in Harrison Auditorium.



Best known as an advocate of non-violent social change, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta on Jan. 15, 1929. King attended Morehouse College in Atlanta at the age of 15. After graduating from Morehouse College, King entered Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pa. Martin Luther King Jr. entered the Christian ministry and was ordained in February 1948 at the age of 19 at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta.

King was a pivotal figure in the civil rights movement. Dr. King's speech at the March on Washington in 1963, along with his acceptance speech of the Nobel Peace Prize and his final sermon in Memphis are among his most famous utterances.

Dr. King was shot while standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1968. Dr. King was in Memphis to help lead sanitation workers in a protest against low wages and intolerable working conditions.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s day of service gave Aggies a chance to show area children a fun-filled time of stories, food and games.



Men of the Beta Epsilon chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. (a fraternity in which Dr. King was a member) reflect after their Martin Luther King Jr. program on Dr. King's dream.